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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Administrator *WLB*  
FROM: Susan C. Linner, <sup>SC</sup>Reclamation Biologist/Permit Supervisor  
RE: Bond Release, Tosco Development Corporation, Sand Wash  
Project, ACT/047/001, and EXP/047/016, Uintah County, Utah

In response to Tosco's request for bond release, Division personnel recently visited the proposed minesite to ascertain if there was any disturbance (See Memo to File for details). While onsite the Division found an unplugged core hole, and some associated disturbance.

On returning to the office I researched the files to discover if the hole was associated with the proposed mine shaft development project or with an exploration program. Review of the files showed that the hole was drilled in October of 1981 and is designated 42X-34. It was drilled under an approved Notice of Intent (approved September 4, 1980). The latest MR Form 9, submitted by Tosco Corporation on September 14, 1984, shows this hole, one hole designated 11X-18 and one hole designated 42X-36 to be unplugged at the surface.

I would recommend that we agree to partial release of Tosco's bond (total amount of \$120,423). I recommend that we keep \$30,000 (\$10,000 for each unreclaimed drill hole) to insure that all drill sites will be properly reclaimed.

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cc: John Blake  
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